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## Teachers, P-C Schools find common ground; tentative agreement could be signed tomorrow

BY BRIAN CORBETT

After two marathon bargaining sessions last week, the Plymouth-Canton Schools and the Plymouth-Canton Education Association could have a tentative agreement signed by tomorrow night.

According to members of both bargaining teams, the details of the contract will be completed this week, bringing an end to seven months of negotiations and 41 days of teachers working without a contract.

"The party line is, 'A tentative agreement is imminent.' That's what (PCEA chief negotiator Tom) Cotner has said. We're very hopeful," said P-C School Board President Mark Horvath.

"I think we'll be finished Thursday," said Errol Goldman, the P-C Schools assistant superintendent for employee relations. "It's really just details we're finishing up."

Cotner agreed. "It's getting delicate

right now," he said. "It looks like we could have something by the end of the week."

The two sides have been bargaining since February, but failed to reach a settlement before the new school year began. Teachers have protested by picketing school board meetings and lashing out at administration.

The main stumbling blocks in negotiations have been health coverage and a

salary increase for teachers.

The school district has offered a contract that would require teachers to either pay more for their Blue Cross/Blue Shield health care coverage or opt for a preferred provider organization (PPO). Also, the school district maintained its salary freeze stance, but recently conceded a 1.5 percent raise to teachers with 12 years experience or more.

The teachers union originally demand-

ed a continuation of its current health care coverage and 3.5 percent pay increase. That was also modified recently to a 3 percent increase and an offer to keep Blue Cross/Blue Shield but increase teachers' co-pay.

The terms of tomorrow's tentative settlement were not disclosed, but both sides were optimistic after Sunday's bargaining session, which wrapped up at 5:30 a.m. Monday.

## Puck drops in Township



Detroit Whalers' center Steve Wasylo (left, center) fights to win the faceoff and pass to his teammates, Steve Dumonski (left, above) and Harold Druken (left, below) as the Whalers took the ice locally for the first time Saturday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. The Whalers beat the Kingston Frontenacs, 2-0, in their home opener. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

See complete Whalers coverage on pgs. 20-21 in this issue of The Crier

## No fault

Canton investigators find no single factor caused fatal bike/van accident

Canton's Accident Investigation Unit (AIU) has completed its investigation into the fatal accident that claimed the life of a cyclist traveling on Morton Taylor Road Sept. 9.

The AIU's findings reveal that no single factor, including the driver's speed (between 33-40 mph) is responsible for the accident. It has been determined that a combination of factors, such as a lack of sufficient lighting and that the cyclist was traveling in the center of the lane when struck, may have contributed to the accident.

The case has been thoroughly reviewed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, which is routine procedure in an accident involving death. The prosecutor's office declined to issue any charges against the driver, citing a lack of evidence showing criminal negligence.

## First Step

Canton shelter helps families following cases of abuse

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## Work lesson

Teachers learn importance of business smarts during program

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Canton and Salem end up in 2-2 tie for soccer bragging rights

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## Mayflower pays City back taxes

### City Commissioners amend Aug. 5 agreement with hotel

The owners of the Mayflower Hotel presented a \$51,291 check to the City of Plymouth Friday to pay their past-due tax bill.

The due date for the taxes, which was originally Sept. 30, was amended to Oct. 7 after the hotel missed the first deadline.

The City Commissioners voted Monday night to amend the Aug. 5 agreement with the Mayflower, including moving the deadline for applying for a building permit for hotel renovation back a month to Dec. 31, and beginning construction of the project no later than Feb. 28.

## Old Village Total station robbed Friday

BY JANET ARMSTRONG  
The Total Gas station at Mill Street and Wilcox Road was held up Friday at approximately 7:45 a.m., according to Plymouth Police.

Andre Haddoni, from Lebanon,

allegedly entered the gas station with his hand under his coat fashioned to look like a gun, but fled the scene before receiving any of the station's money, according to the police report.

Haddoni allegedly fled by car down

Mill Street, where a Plymouth Township officer arrested him following a BLO (be on the look out) by City police.

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# Old Village art



Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, who owns D&M Studios on Mill Street in Old Village, was one of the many artists and crafts people on hand for the first-ever Old Village Arts & Crafts Show Saturday and Sunday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Schools scramble to fill teaching spots for technical classes at Canton High School

BY BRIAN CORBETT

An unusually high student demand for technical classes at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is the reason three classes in Canton High School are being taught by a substitute more than one month into the school year, the P-C Schools said.

Two computer-aided design (CAD) courses and one graphics class have received instruction from a retired teacher

and a substitute teacher because the school district has been unable to find a qualified replacement, according to Judy Evola, the director of community relations.

The P-C Schools are actively searching for a permanent replacement, she said, "but it's difficult to get a part-time teacher with the necessary technical knowledge."

Canton High School Area Coordinator

Mary Kay Frey was interviewing candidates Monday. A recommendation for a permanent replacement will be made at the Oct. 22 P-C School Board meeting.

Evola said the class has been taught accordingly by the substitutes.

But sources told the The Community Crier students were dropping the class from their schedule because of inadequate instruction.

According to Frey, out of the approximately 80 students who had registered for the three classes, two had dropped out. Registration for CAD and graphics courses, Frey said, "really grew this year. Students are recognizing that this is what they need to be prepared for the 21st century."

The classes began with a retired graphics teacher who taught the class for the first three weeks of school, Evola said. "Since then, they've had the same substitute teacher every day, who's been supplied with the necessary notes and lesson plans and been assisted by another teacher," she said. "We have people working with that person."

Evola denied reports that students had been left unattended during class hours. "That's inaccurate," she said.

## City to test electric police vehicles

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The electric vehicles that Plymouth Police were using during the Fall Festival may soon become a permanent fixture in the City.

The City Commission Monday asked Police Chief Bob Scoggins to find out about borrowing the Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV) to test their performance under normal situations.

According to Scoggins, the vehicles performed well during the Fall Festival and warrant further investigation.

"From the standpoint of logistics, they move very quickly in highly congested areas," said Scoggins. "We got a pretty good response from the citizens."

Commissioner Doug Miller suggested looking into borrowing the NEV for a two week testing period before purchasing two vehicles, which cost approximately \$7,500 each. Scoggins said that officers on motorcycles or bicycles was not a good option for this department.

"They (the officers) tend to take a long time to repair," he said. "It (cycling) is not the most effective way due to the age of the force."

## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- A juried fine art show continues at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville this week. The show ends Friday. Call (810) 349-5712 for more information.

### THE WEEKEND

- Free genealogical help on a one-to-one basis is being offered by the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, NSDAR, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Canton Public Library Saturday. Bring what information and documents of proof you have and one of the DAR genealogists will assist you. For further information, call Latricia Dickerson at 495-0132.
- The first-ever Plymouth Chili Cook-Off is set for Sunday in downtown Plymouth. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Kellogg Park and The Gathering. There will also be approximately 50 classic Harley-Davidson motorcycles on display. Proceeds from the event will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

### NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra opens Oct. 19 at Salem High School.

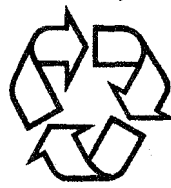
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# P-C Schools expected to pick new director of instruction to complete reorganization

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School District should have a director of instruction after last night's school board meeting, board members said.

Verna Anible, a 24-year education veteran who is currently an elementary school principal in Monroe, was recommended by the selection committee out of 32 qualified responses.

"My hunch is, typically when people have been recommended to us, when they've gone through the whole interview process, it's usually a given," said P-C School Board Treasurer Sue Davis.

The P-C School District uses a selection committee comprised of administrators, parents, teachers and support staff to hire its employees. In the search for the director of instruction, the consensus recommendation was made by Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Patrick O'Donnell, two parents, one teacher and one support staff.

The position is not new to the school district, but its title is.

Following the departure of Executive Director of Instruction K-12 Tom Tattan, who resigned to become superintendent of the Clarenceville School District, Superintendent Charles

Little recommended O'Donnell, also executive director of instruction K-12 at the time, consolidate the two positions and assume his current title.

Little also proposed the creation of the director of instruction to aide O'Donnell with his increased responsibilities.

The board approved, and the search for the director of instruction position began in July. "I'm pleased we've found somebody for a position that's been vacant since July," the superintendent said.

Anible's role will include informing O'Donnell on classroom instruction, supporting curriculum alignment throughout the district, provide meaningful assessment and continue staff development — if she is hired.

That's just a formality said P-C School Board President Mark Horvath and Trustee Jack Farrow.

"I don't see any reason why (Anible wouldn't be approved)," said Horvath. "The committee went through a very thorough and thoughtful process."

Farrow concurred. "I would expect she is (going to be hired,)" he said. "I haven't heard anything to the contrary."

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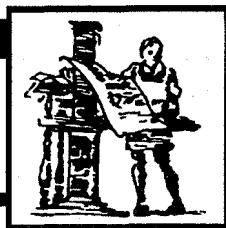
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The show hours are Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2.

Six teachers from Tonda Elementary School joined with elementary educators from other parts of the country to participate in the 1996 Teacher Enhancement in Environmental Education (TEEE) Summer Institute. The aim of the summer institute was to provide teachers the opportunity to study aspects of the environment themselves, to reflect on their own inquiry-based learning, and to explore innovative ways of teaching environmental education in their school.

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For information call (810) 349-8110.

Celebrate Canton's heritage at the second annual "An Evening at the Summit" Nov. 16 at the Summit on the Park community center.

Tickets for the event, which runs from 6:30 to 11 p.m., are now available for \$45 per person, \$80 per couple.

## First Step provides safe shelter in Canton *Team responds 24 hours a day to help in domestic violence cases*

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

While October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, First Step in Canton has been trying to reduce or eliminate domestic violence since 1978.

First Step, which also has an office in Southgate, got its start with a Community Block Grant to provide a safe shelter to families and has been doing it ever since.

"We help hundreds of families every year from Canton," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step.

According to Ellis there are many levels of support that the program offers to families.

"We provide a safe place to stay for victims, teach alternatives and provide counseling to both batterers, women and children," she said, adding, "We also have a sexual assault program, which is

the only one of its kind in our county."

First Step, which is one of 48 private non-profit groups in Michigan, is offering a new program of responding to the hospital or police department now, said Ellis.

"We respond 24 hours a day now to the hospital or police department (in domestic violence cases)," she said. "We've had on-site sexual assault service for close to 10 years now."

While changes in state law are making it easier to prosecute domestic violence cases, Ellis said it (changing the tides of violence) is still a slow process.

Police officers now can make themselves the complainant on domestic violence cases which eases the burden on the victim, said Ellis.

"It's helpful in terms of the police officers having the ability to do that,"

said Ellis. "Most batterers aren't aware that they can't talk the victim out of pressing charges anymore."

Ellis said that part of what First Step does is educating police officers and prosecutors about domestic violence and what to look for when investigating and prosecuting it.

"We're training everyone involved with the cases — prosecutors, law enforcement, and victim advocacy on how to gather evidence to make it very difficult not to prosecute.

"We're helping them put together specific cases that will lead to a successful prosecution."

Another part of the agencies support is providing shelter for victims.

"Sometimes they stay (at the shelter) for 30 days, sometimes it's two days," said Ellis. "We've had people stay for six months before."

Ellis said that the problem is growing fast.

"We know that violence appears to be growing at a really epidemic pace," she said. "Our dollars are not as great as the problem is."

Which means First Step needs help.

"We need help," said Ellis. "We need people to become involved in teaching non-violence.

"Ninety percent of kids that grow up in violent homes become a batterer or a victim. Kids learn what they live."

Ellis added that the agency needs volunteers to work with kids, fund raise, work with victims, maintenance and much more.

"A lot of people don't know that when you go to the hospital after a sexual assault (or domestic violence case), they keep your clothes for evidence," said Ellis. "So we provide victims with sweat suits and slippers. That gets expensive."

So donations of clothing, especially new sweat suits of all sizes are needed.

"We need donations of sweat suits, slippers, hygienic kits, canned goods, and supplies (like coloring books, paper, crayons, and games)," said Ellis.

According to Ellis there are a lot of events for Domestic Violence Awareness month on tap for the month of October:

- Saturday - Rally for safe families, noon - 2 p.m. at the East steps of the Capitol Building in Lansing.

- Oct. 17 - Liz Claiborne, Inc. Charity Shopping Day, 10 percent of all sales from the Troy and Novi Liz Claiborne stores will be donated to First Step.

- Oct. 23 - Candlelight vigil, begins at 7 p.m. at Marygrove College.

- Oct. 26 - Make a difference day, contact First Step to arrange a project for you or your group.

People interested in volunteering their time or donating any items can call the Canton First Step offices at 981-9595.

## Tornga to visit Taiwan as part of Rotary Group Study Exchange

Jack Tornga, a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club, was selected to lead a team of four professional men and women to Taiwan as part of a Group Study Exchange.

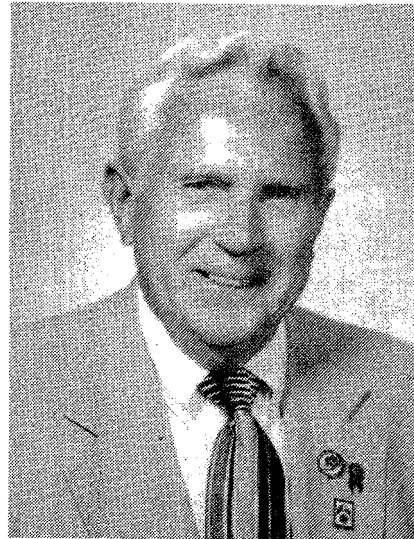
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This exchange with Taiwan will provide the team with an opportunity to observe its customs, hands on explorations into its business and professional life, and discussions with its people. This visit will create opportunities for the development of understanding and lasting friendships, according to the Rotary.

Transportation costs to and from Taiwan will be paid by the Rotary Foundation. Food, lodging, and transportation in Taiwan will be provided by the Taiwan host district. Team members are responsible for their own incidental expenses, such as clothing, insurance, and personal items purchased while on tour.

For more information about the Group Study Exchange contact Jack Tornga 455-1459 or Edwin Schulz 453-6280.



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# City attempts to sort out problems with in-line skaters, skateboarders

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

For the second consecutive City Commission meeting — teenagers, skateboards and in-line skates were a major topic of discussion among commissioners and City of Plymouth residents.

Jill Andra-Young, who owns Jill Andra-Young Photography on Penniman Avenue, spoke of the problems that she has had with the skateboarders in the alley next to her business.

"It's almost impossible to continue my sittings," Young said of the noise that the teenagers make when skating.

Dan Hershberger, a Andra-Young employee, said that the teenagers continue to outsmart police officers who never get out of their cars to police them.

"I would like to think that the Plymouth Police could outsmart a couple of teenagers," said Hershberger.

Dave Pugh, who owns two storefronts that face the alley, found the commission's reactions to the problem insulting.

"I saw commissioners smirking and smiling," said Pugh. "This is not a funny

situation."

Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury, upset by Pugh's comment, said "I was not smiling or smirking.

"I have not seen any commissioner that is not respectful to citizens."

Commissioners hope one positive step toward solution of the problem will include the creation of the Plymouth Youth Task Force.

Loiselle said the goals of the task force are to review and make recommendations on the following matters:

- Police department interaction and public relations with youth in the community.

- Study current ordinances that specifically impact the youth of the community, including regulations on bicycles, in-line skates and skate boards.

- Review alternative programs and/or facilities that may provide a favorable environment for the youth of the community that may include, but are not limited to, a proposed facility in the community which would provide for skateboard and in-line skate activities.

Loiselle added that the task force will develop their report to submit to the commission by Feb. 1, 1997.

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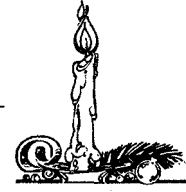
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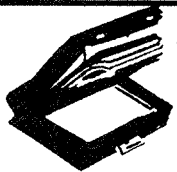


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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

**Realtor Steve Nickerson**, a resident of The Plymouth-Canton Community, recently joined the real estate office of RE/MAX on the trail, announced Broker and Owner Mike Gladchun.

Nickerson is a real estate veteran, and will continue serving the residential real estate needs of his clients in western Wayne and southern Oakland counties, with specialization in Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Livonia, Westland and Canton.

Nickerson is an associate broker and additionally has earned the professional designations of Certified Specialist and Graduate, Realtor Institute issued by the National Association of Realtors for completing a comprehensive set of classes and passing written exams covering all facets of residential real estate. According to the National Association of Realtors less than 10 percent of Realtors nationwide hold professional designations.

Prior to joining RE/MAX on the trail, Nickerson was affiliated with Coldwell Banker in Plymouth. He resides in Canton with his wife, Lisa and their children, Drew and Ellyn.

**Dean Sells and Century 21 Gold House**, home of Sunflower Village Subdivision, announced the winners of the sunflower contest and largest in diameter.

More than 3,000 seeds and starter plants were distributed in the community by Sells last May, and the turnout of contestants was tremendous.

The tallest sunflower was 11'11" and the winner was **Ashley J. Smith**. The winner of the largest in diameter, measuring 15 1/2 inches, was **Mollie Dobersek**. The each will receive a \$500 savings bond complements of Sells and Century 21 Gold House.

**Realtor Marda Benson**, a resident of Plymouth, has joined the real estate office of RE/Max on the trail, announced Broker and Owner Mike Gladchun.

Benson is a real estate veteran, and will continue serving the residential real estate needs of clients in Plymouth, Northville, Livonia, Westland and Canton.

She holds a BS and MA degrees and was a university instructor prior to becoming a Realtor. Prior to joining RE/MAX on the trail, Benson was affiliated with the Michigan Group.

## Business, learning mix for local teachers

Just because school got out in June doesn't mean six local teachers went on summer vacation.

With the cooperation of Metal Tech in Canton, Big Boy of Plymouth and three other businesses, five Plymouth-Canton teachers and one Northville teacher are sharing the skills and attributes necessary to be successful in several careers.

The program, funded by a Wayne County School-To-Work Partnership grant, is a joint effort of the partnership, the Downriver Community Conference, the Henry Ford Community College Tech-Prep Program and Employment & Training Designs, Inc. of Southgate.

Through the program, teachers were placed with specific businesses throughout The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community and Wayne County. They worked in several different positions — restaurants, child care, manufacturing, architecture — receiving insight into the duties, requirements, skills and opportunities involved.

The key component of the program was the requirement that the "summer interns" returned to their schools and applied the information they acquired into the curriculum.

More than 110 Wayne County teachers participated in the program, which has received rave reviews.

**Karen Willard**, a teacher at Salem High School, worked at Nordstrom Samson, an architectural firm in Dearborn. "I learned all the procedures you go through, you know, the whole work mode of being an architect. I also worked with their interior designers, so I was able to see basically everything from conception to finished product," she said.

Willard, who often takes her interior

design classes to local furniture stores, said the experience was very beneficial. "It was definitely beneficial. I came away with a lot of information," she said.

So did **Betty DuBois**, a life management skills teacher at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. She went to work for one-day at Riverside Child Care in Trenton, a comprehensive day care program from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.. "I went and observed the class, talked with the people on staff and the instructor to see if what I'm doing is correct," she said.

DuBois is the coordinator of the Kiddie Kampus at the PCEP. She said her conversations with staff at Riverside reinforced her teaching methods and will help her formulate an evaluation form for employees.

**Safety Tech**, a Canton producer of steel abrasives for the foundry industry, hosted Salem High School Teacher **June Swartz**. The relationship turned out so well, that Swartz stayed on for an extra week to complete a video tape she will show her students. "She went on an internship of all departments so she could learn what we do, top to bottom, but it was mostly manufacturing, so we left out sales and things like that. But she toured the plant and found out what Metal Tech makes and how it produces its product," said Metal Tech's **Marty Schendel**.

Schendel said Metal Tech President **Gary Stevers** got involved in the project because of the company's awareness for the needs of the community. But Schendel said Metal Tech benefited too. "It was mostly good for me for the tape, because I know the process myself. I think it's going to open up a lot avenues for students to take internships," he said.

In addition to offering student internships, Metal Tech is considering supplying a stipend. "I think it's worth it," Schendel said.

Approximately 80 other businesses thought the program was also important.

According to partnership spokesperson **Craig Farrand**, it was mutually beneficial. "For years now business have been complaining that students haven't been ready for work. Well, put your money where your mouth is — and they have this summer," he said.

Meanwhile, teachers' reaction was gauged with a before and after survey. "Before the program started, 13 percent of teachers thought they had a good idea of what their business was about. By the time they were done, that number was 80 percent," Farrand said.

That's quite a summer school.



'Coffee Break' by Salem Township's **Susan Heitman** is just one piece of art that will be exhibited and sold at the "Our Town" show Oct. 24-27 at The Community House in Birmingham.

## Local artist part of 'Our Town' show

**Susan Heitman** of Salem Township will have her art displayed as part of the "Our Town" show in Birmingham at The Community House during the Oct. 24-27 exhibit.

"In 'Coffee Break,' I have reserved the sexism that is apparent in much fine art," Heitman said. "Here, I have depicted the female as strong and dominant, like an Egyptian Queen. The male is confined and less important."

Heitman's work is one of 309 works by 223 Michigan artists selected for the show by juror **James Bridenstein**, executive director of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. The exhibition includes two- and three-dimensional artwork in a variety of media. More than \$11,000 in prizes will be awarded to artists chosen by the juror.

## 'Women's Night' scheduled for N.A. Mans Canton store

**Bob Vila** and **Tim "The Tool Man Taylor" Allen** watch out.

After the First Annual WOMC Women's Night at N.A. Mans Building Center in Canton, they might have some competition.

Mans sales representatives will perform "Do-It-Herself" demonstrations tonight from 6-9 p.m., providing home fix-up tips for women whose housekeeping detail extend beyond the stereotypical responsibilities.

It is the 1990s after all, said **Susan Kaplan**, account executive for WOMC-FM, 104.3. "We all know so many women who are single who don't know how to put in a dimmer switch, or change a light bulb," said Kaplan, laughing. "We all thought, 'Wouldn't it be great to have a night like this to help women who need things to get done around the house.' Then, they could do it and not need somebody to help them."

And the intimidation women often feel in a hardware store is eliminated, Kaplan said, since Mans representatives are prepared to present basic instructions while refreshments and food are served from **Damon's**, Plymouth Marketplace and **Mr. Pita**.

To add to the fun, there will be prizes and members of the Detroit Whalers hockey team will be on hand to sign autographs, as will **Matinee Mindy** from WOMC's afternoon show with **Tom Ryan**, sometimes known as Detroit legend **Count Scary**.

Before heading out to Mans tonight at 41900 Canton Center Rd., tune to **Ryan's** show on WOMC from 2-6 p.m. for some hardware humor. He will be taking calls from women sharing stories of their worst experience of trying to fix something with a man, Kaplan said.



# Teacher voices heard by P-C School Board during slew of contract talks

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The last three Plymouth-Canton School Board meetings have been dominated by public comments regarding contract negotiations between the Plymouth-Canton Education Association and the P-C Schools.

A Sept. 10 meeting at Central Middle School witnessed three hours of comment and nearly 40 speakers, turning school board meetings into endurance contests.

The P-C Schools and the PCEA have been bargaining for a one-year contract since February, with health care benefits and a pay increase the primary topics. Despite community demands for a settlement before the school year, the old two-year contract expired Aug. 30 upon the completion of the first week of school.

Since then, the situation has grown increasingly tense.

In an apparent protest, teacher absenteeism more than doubled the first week of September, school administrators said, leaving the district scrambling to find substitutes to cover classes.

Teachers have also refused to write senior recommendations and participate with after-school groups.

The students' reaction was less than enthusiastic, and they voiced their opinions at board meetings and a Sept. 27 walkout at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Salem High School class representatives Katie Buckley and Joshua Fair have been active representing their peers. "When a security guard takes the place of a teacher, learning doesn't happen," said Buckley Sept. 10.

Buckley, Fair and other students have said the students are the real losers in the contract battle.

But the teachers and their supporters have supplied the meetings' most dramatic moments. Tom Cotner, the PCEA chief negotiator, was greeted by a boisterous standing ovation during his long walk down the center of the gymnasium floor during a board meeting at Central Middle School, as was PCEA President Chuck Portelli the same night. When they

reached the microphone, the union leaders were direct in their demands.

Cotner asked the board to submit to binding arbitration. He berated the proposed salary freeze, and reminded the school board of teachers' past sacrifices. "Three years ago, we gave money," he said. "You said you needed us. We were there. We did what was necessary for the betterment of the district."

With the largest fund equity balance in recent memory, Cotner said, "you can afford a small salary increase for your employees."

Portelli said, "When there's been a financial crisis, we (the teachers) have responded. But there appears to be no financial crisis at this time," he said.

The hours of discourse by teachers has pushed emotions to a new height. George Przygodski, a Lowell Middle School teacher, gave a passionate speech outlining his duties, problems, advantages and disadvantages as a Plymouth-Canton teacher. "I teach subjects for which there aren't enough books and listen to parents and teachers complain. I'm a Plymouth-Canton teacher," he said.

The crowd caught on and joined in on his closing sentence. "I returned a given raise so our students wouldn't lose sports, art, music and gym. I'm a Plymouth-Canton teacher," said Przygodski, leaving to a standing ovation.

The slogan is now on t-shirts worn during picket lines at board meetings and negotiation sessions.

Individual schools showed solidarity at the Sept. 10 board by submitting letters signed by staff members.

"Health insurance cannot be compromised," a statement submitted Sept. 10 by teachers from Isbister Elementary said. "It is an essential element of our benefit package. In our country the attempt to save money should not rest on the health of its workers and their families."

Said Barb Pastalaniec, reading a letter signed by the teaching staff of Allen Elementary School: "For the first time in four years, Allen School is experiencing

smaller class sizes. The kindergarten through fourth grade classes have under 28 children. Monumental effort was put forth to lower class size. Imagine the monumental effort you will receive from your professional teaching staff throughout the district when we receive a quality contract."

Matt Watroba, a Canton High School teacher, said teachers have been impersonalized by recent school district efforts. "I am a teacher, father, producer, host, musician and entertainer. And for some strange reason, as I stand before you, I feel like nothing more than an FTE (Full Time Equivalent)," he said.

At the Sept. 24 meeting, Sarah Smith, an Isbister teacher, said the P-C Schools shouldn't hide behind a state law that effectively prohibits teacher unions from striking. "Consider the damage that would be done by using a state law to enforce a settlement considered an insult by your staff," she said.

Also on Sept. 24, Canton High School teacher John Bulmer quoted a Ford executive after successful negotiations with the United Auto Workers. "Alex Trotman has said, 'There is nothing more important than how we treat our employees'," said Bulmer, who then looked up at the school board and said: "Do you feel the same way?"

## Argument between cooks at Twp. restaurant turns violent

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Plymouth Township Police were called to Silverman's restaurant Saturday night after a fight between two cooks broke out, according to the police report.

According to Investigator Dave Hayes, the night manager of the restaurant broke up the first verbal altercation between the two, but called the police when the fight became physical.

According to Hayes, Stan Forbush, from Detroit, who was arraigned in 35th District Court Monday on aggravated assault and resisting arrest charges, stabbed employee Richard Gyetuai, from Southgate.

According to police, when officers arrived on the scene, Forbush resisted arrest and the officers had to use their pepper spray to subdue him.

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# Canton Homecoming 1996



It was homecoming time at Canton High School last weekend. The theme was "Travel Around the World." All the classes decorated floats for the parade in the school parking lot. (Crier photo by Ryan M. Nuñez)



Canton's Homecoming King was Rob Johnson, who is also the quarterback for the Chief varsity football team. (Crier photo by Ryan M. Nuñez)

## Canton's Court

This year's Canton High School 1996 Homecoming Queen and King were Kristi Fiorenzi and Rob Johnson.

The other members of the homecoming court were senior representatives Tiffany Williams, Eric Sarrault, Nancy Hoffman, Rob Proctor, Rachel Richter, Nick Hurley, Jason Bennett and Mari Kushner; junior representatives Trevor Anulewicz and Julie Price; sophomore representatives Scott Wright and Lisa Tomasso; and freshmen representatives Jerry Zlothucha and Vanessa Guastella.

## Salem homecoming this weekend

Hooray for Salem High School? Or is it "Hooray for Hollywood."

It's both this week as Rock pride hits a school year high during homecoming week.

This year's theme is "Hooray for Hollywood," according to Kate Luick, a junior at Salem and the secretary for the executive forum.

"Every year we try to come up with something unique and different that we haven't done recently. 'Hooray for Hollywood' just seemed interesting," she said.

Each class then creates a banner relevant to the theme, and hangs them in the school's cafeteria. The winning banner remains on the wall for two years. The Class of 1998 is the defending champions, Luick said.

Spirit Week adds to the festivities. Monday was Crazy Hat Day, and yesterday was Shades/Concert T-Shirt Day. Today each class is given the opportunity to don their class color. Seniors are wearing black, juniors purple, sophomores yellow and the freshmen orange, Luick said.

The "Hooray for Hollywood" theme continues tomorrow with Dress Like A Star Day — also the final day for casting Homecoming Court votes. Friday is the traditional School Spirit Day when students wear Blue and White.

The football game features Salem versus the Stevenson Spartans. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. Halftime will include a parade with the PCEP Marching Band, the banners of each class, the 1996 Homecoming Court and council members.

Saturday night wraps up Homecoming Week with a dance in the Salem High School cafeteria from 8-11 p.m. "I think we're expecting close to 2,000 people," said Luick.



Canton Homecoming Queen Kristi Fiorenzi. (Crier photo by Ryan M. Nuñez)

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## Community opinions

### Facts confused in school board candidate article

**EDITOR:**

I would like to correct a few points made in your introduction to the school board candidates article (April 10, 1996).

First, I was not "almost a candidate last year," I was a candidate last year. The 986 other people that voted for me would be dismayed to think that they had wasted their votes on a non-candidate.

Second, I was not "indecisive about running for the board," at all. I do not consider it indecisive to ensure that my priorities can be rearranged, when necessary, in order to

be an effective board member. I carefully considered all factors and did not lightly enter this race.

Third, my "busy schedule" already includes attending school board meetings, as I have regularly attended almost all of the meetings since December 1994 and occasionally before then.

The only adjustment to my schedule, if I am elected, would be to stay at each board meeting a while longer for the (closed-to-the-public) executive session that normally occurs at the end of each meeting.

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**SARAH ANN COCHRANE CHAPTER, DAR, NORTHVILLE-PLYMOUTH**  
 Sandwich luncheon at Oct. 21 at noon at the home of Doris Richard, 9417 Ivanhoe in Plymouth. For more information, call 810-349-6056.

**VVA GENERAL MEETING**  
 Monday at 7:30 p.m. at 9318 Newburgh Rd. between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail. All veterans on active duty Jan. 1 1959-May 7, 1975 regardless of duty station are eligible. For more information, call Don at 446-4903 or 525-0157.

**TRI-C MOTHER'S GROUP**  
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 Every third Monday of 7 p.m. at The Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

**PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB MEETINGS**  
 First and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mayflower Hotel. Includes dinner and a speaker. For more information, call Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

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**CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB**  
 The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING**  
 The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
 The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot nutritious lunch five days a week at Tonquish Manor. A donation is requested for the meal, but not required. For more information, call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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The Parent-Teacher Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel School is sponsoring an informative evening for junior high students and their parents to learn about local Catholic high schools. Information is also available concerning the High School Placement Test. The evening begins at 7:15 p.m. tonight in the school. All interested junior high parents and student are welcome to attend. 7:15-9:15 p.m. For more information, call 453-3053.

## CRAFT FAIR TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

Delta Kappa Gamma Art Fair is scheduled for Oct. 26 at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 80 juried crafters. Admission is \$2, and \$1 for seniors and children under 10 are free. Delta Kappa Gamma has 56 members in its local Plymouth-Canton chapter.

## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

The application deadline for winter scholarships to Schoolcraft College is Tuesday. There are a number of general scholarships available in addition to specific funds for accounting, art and engineering students. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office in the McDowell Center. For more information, call 462-4417.

## CLASS OF 1976/CANTON HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Saturday at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia at Six Mile Road and I-275. For more information: Canton Class of 1976, P.O. Box 461, South Lyon, MI 48178.

## ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

Nov. 1 is the deadline for men and women between the ages of 17 and 22 (by July 1996) to submit applications to one of the U.S. Service Academies to U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers. Application forms and full information may be obtained by writing Congresswoman Rivers, 3716 Newberry, Wayne, MI 48184. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, unmarried and legal residents of the 13th District.

# Upcoming...

## DAR CHAPTER GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Canton Public Library Saturday. Bring what information and documents of proof you have and a genealogist will assist you. No pre-registration is required. For further information, call 495-0132.

## DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP

At Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Rd., a seminar designed to equip separated or divorced individuals to grow through this painful experience. Child care provided. \$15. To register, call 810-348-9030.

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## HANDCRAFTERS ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Oct. 11-13 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 N. Main St. More than 70 juried artisans will display florals, stained glass, baskets, wood items and clothing. For more information, call 459-0050.

## DELTA KAPPA GAMMA CRAFT FAIR

At West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 80 juried crafters. Admission \$2 and lunch available. Pottery, stained glass, dried and silk floral arrangement, dolls, jewelry, and more. Proceeds from the craft fair fund scholarships for students who are becoming teachers. For more information, call 416-7550.

## SATURDAY STORY TIMES FOR CHILDREN

Story times are open to children in kindergarten through first grade. Once a month on the first Saturday of the month beginning this weekend, following dates are Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1 and April 5. Sessions begin at 10 a.m. and are 45 minutes long. No registration required. For more information, call 453-0750.

## "HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS" BENEFIT FOR ST. MARY HOSPICE

Oct. 17 at Laurel Manor in Livonia at 5:30 p.m. Star-studded evening of dinner and entertainment featuring nationally renowned recording artists and entertainments. For more information, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation Hotline at 655-2907.

## PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM FALL CALENDER OF EVENTS

Tuesday "Made in Plymouth", chamber of commerce open house mixer, from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 27 last day of the "Made in Plymouth and Collections" exhibit. Nov. 6 grand opening of the holiday exhibition "Visions of Christmas." December 8 Museum Open House from 1-5 p.m., guest speaker Weldon Petz, "The History of Santa Claus" 2 p.m.

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# Community deaths

## Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

### MAXINE G. WILLOUGHBY

Maxine G. Willoughby, a former Plymouth resident, died Oct. 7, 1996 at the age of 89.

Ms. Willoughby was born March 10, 1907 in Battle Creek. She moved to Shreveport, LA at an early age. After completing her education, she taught school for two years in Plymouth and then moved back to Shreveport and taught school there until her marriage to Robert D. Willoughby in 1929. She has been a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth since its mission days. She sang in the choir, taught in the church school and was a charter member of the St. John's League. She served on the Plymouth Community School Board; is a Past Regent of the Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the DAR; was State Chairman of the National Defense, DAR; and was National Vice Chairman of the DAR Committee for Children of the American Revolution; and was Past President of the Plymouth Women's Club. She was a member of the Detroit Historical Society, Plymouth Historical Society and the Michigan Historical Society. She was also a member of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots and the Daughters of Colonial Wars. She was a Dame of the Constitution & the Hougant Society.



MAXINE G. WILLOUGHBY

Ms. Willoughby is survived by her daughters, Margaret Jean Maynard of Spencer, NC and Janet (Richard) Stuart of Horton; sons, Rev. Robert (Saundra) Willoughby of Detroit and Lawrence C. (Mary-Jane) Willoughby of Mishawaka, IN; 12 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Arrangements are being made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

### MARIE M. POST

Marie M. Post, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 6, 1996 at the age of 92.

Ms. Post was born April 19, 1904 in St. Ignace. She was a homemaker.

Ms. Post is survived by her daughter, Sally P. Eckles of Plymouth; son, Nagel (Wilma) Post of Canton; nine grandchildren; 16 great grand children; and two great great grandchildren.

Private services were conducted in Grayling. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Memorial tributes can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America.

### MARGARET M. BRITCHER

Margaret M. Britcher, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 30, 1996 at the age of 88.

Mrs. Britcher was born June 13, 1908 in Detroit. She moved to the community in the 1920s from Wayne. Mrs. Britcher worked for Ford Motor Company's Phoenix Plant production line during W.W. II. She was a graduate of Nankin Township Schools and later

managed Tait's Cleaners in Plymouth during the 1950s. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth and loved to crochet and garden at her Ann Arbor Trail home, which she lived in for 66 years.

She is survived by her son, John E. Britcher, Jr. of Hulbert; and sisters, Leona Wencel of Grand Rapids, Evelyn Piesczak of Westland and Lillian Levandoski of Milford. She is preceded in death by her husband, John E. Britcher, who died March 31, 1981.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with Fr. James Livingston officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or donations given to the charity of the donor's choice.

### JOHN M. HOPKINS

John M. Hopkins, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 30, 1996 at the age of 69.

Mr. Hopkins moved to the Plymouth area with his family in 1941, graduating from Plymouth High School in 1945. Upon graduation, he attended Kings Point Naval Academy during W.W. II and later attended Michigan State University. During the Korean War, Mr. Hopkins worked for the CIC in the US Army.

He returned to Plymouth in 1954 and was employed at the family advertising agency in Detroit, the Hopkins Agency, working on graphic arts and layout work. When the agency dissolved in the 1960s, he became a partner at Midwest Banknote in Plymouth, with Glenn Cummings. After the business was sold to a subsidiary, he was employed with a variety of companies, most recently Robot Printing in Redford, where he also did work in the graphic arts.

Following a family tradition of many years, he loved to make English Toffee and a concoction he called "HOP-TOF" carmel corn, which he enjoyed sharing with friends and relatives at holiday time. He became known as "The Candy Man" by many. He was a nature lover, an avid reader, and had a passion for crossword puzzles. Mr. Hopkins attended the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Plymouth.

Mr. Hopkins is survived by his wife, Jeanette W. Hopkins; daughter, Nancy Hopkins of Plymouth; son, Mark (Kim) Hopkins of Oregon City, Or; his identical twin brother, Frederic Hopkins of Vernon, CT; grandson, Matthew; and step grandchildren, Adam, Sarah and Magan of Oregon City, OR. He is preceded in death by his parents, Genevieve and Nat Hopkins; and brother, James Hopkins.

A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with Rev. James Skimmings officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. A memorial fund has been established for Community Hospice, 32932 Warren Rd., Suite 100, Westland, MI 48185.

### RODGER W. SMITH

Rodger W. Smith, a Canton resident, died Oct. 4, 1996 at the age of 70.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 24, 1925 in Canton. He was a self-employed mason contractor (Rodger Smith Masonary) for 30 years. He also worked for the Superior Township Water Department for eight years. He was a life-long Canton resident who attended Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Smith was a member of the DAV No. 114 Livonia and the VFW. He was a veteran of W.W. II (Navy).

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Marjorie B. Smith; sons, Rodger Smith, Jr. of Alaska, Ronald Smith of Alaska, Rodney (Lynette) Smith of Garden City and Rock (Tammy) Smith of

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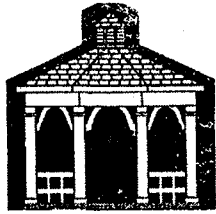
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Westland; daughter, Roxanne (Ron) Wilson of Troy; sisters, Marjorie (Norris) White of Canton and Marvella (Warren) Schaffter of Ohio; brothers, Marvin (Mary Anne) Smith of Howell and Robert (Dolores) Smith of Plymouth; and nine grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Roland F. DeRenzo officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to Calvary Baptist Church or Arbor Hospice.

## LOUIS E. "POOIE" WILDER

Louis E. "Pooie" Wilder, a Whitmore Lake resident, died Sept. 30, 1996 at the age of 88.

Mr. Lewis was born April 1, 1908 in Otsego. He graduated from Otsego High School, Western Michigan University and the University of Michigan, returning to Otsego, where he taught social studies and driver's education for nearly 40 years. He was a lifetime member of the Otsego Fire Department and the First Congregational Church. For the past five years, he has lived with his son in Paw Paw and recently went to Whitmore Lake to stay with his daughter.

He is survived by his son, David L. (Janette) Wilder; daughter, Nancy Jo (Michael) Ball; grandchildren, David L. Wilder, Jr. of Santa Barbara, CA, Marci Sue (Mark) Lazarra of Warren and Patrick K. Ball of Whitmore Lake. He is preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Betty Davis Wilder.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at the Winkel Funeral Home in Otsego on Oct. 19, 1996 at 11 a.m. Memorial tributes can be made to Hospice of Washtenaw, First Congregational Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## June A. Woolsey, 71, homemaker

June A. Woolsey, a Canton resident, died Oct. 4, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Clark S. Woolsey; daughter, Pamela McMichael of Canton; one son; one grandchild; and her mother.

Services were held at St. Michael Lutheran Church with Rev. Jerry Yarnell, Rev. Drex Morton and Rev. David Woodby officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

## Earl Robert Olson, 73, salesperson

Earl Robert Olson, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 2, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis J. Olson of Plymouth; son, Mark (Denise) Olson of Canton; and a sister.

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## A. Roy Wadsworth, Jr., 79, truck driver

A. Roy Wadsworth, Jr., a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 1, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Wadsworth; two sons; daughter, Barbara (Tim) Tunich of Plymouth; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating.

## Parnell E. Johnson, 75, carpenter

Parnell E. Johnson, a Canton resident, died Sept. 28, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian G. Johnson; daughter, Marlene (Vincent) Vulpi of Canton; son, Parnell E. (Deborah) Johnson, Jr. of Plymouth; two brothers; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

## Nancy J. Dart, 94, homemaker

Nancy J. Dart, a Canton resident, died Sept. 29, 1996.

She is survived by her step son, Gawaine Dart of Canton and one other step son. She is preceded in death by her husband, Seely Dart.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with Rev. Jasper Pennington from St. Luke Episcopal Church in Ypsilanti officiating.



# Sports

## Sports shorts

The Salvation Army Volleyball Team is looking for more senior citizen players. If interested, stop in at the Salvation Army on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. There's an annual cost of \$10.

The Korean Tae Kwon Do class meets every Monday and Thursday evening. Call Master Joe Hernandez at 389-5180 if interested.

There's "open gym" basketball Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m. at \$1 per person.

Call the Salvation Army at 453-5464 for more information on any of the events listed above.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a Ballet/Tap/Jazz dance program for ages four to adults with classes beginning Monday at the Summit on the Park. There will be new openings for beginning students and also limited openings for students with prior dance experience. The registration fee is \$25 with a one time administrative fee of \$5 per student plus a monthly fee to the instructor. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is also sponsoring its Fall session of Men's Recreational Basketball for Canton Residents only. This 10-week program will be held at Field school.

The Detroit Whalers announced that individual game tickets are now on sale for the 1996-97 season. Tickets may be purchased at the new Compuware Sports Arena located at 14900 Beck Rd. or by calling (313) 453-8400.

The Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department would like to remind everyone that registration for fall programs is still taking place. You can register at the Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday or call 397-5110.

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering a Sunday men's basketball league. The entry fee is \$330 per team, there is a \$15 non-resident fee. The season is scheduled to begin Nov. 24. For more information call 349-0203.

## Esche dethrones Kingston in Whalers' home opening win

*Goalie stars in 2-0 win at Compuware Sports Arena; 3,900 watch first Ontario Hockey League game played in Twp.*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

As it turned out, the pregame laser light show wasn't the only dazzling performance in Compuware Sports Arena during the Detroit Whalers' home opener Saturday night.

Goalie Robert Esche turned in a performance as grand as the opening in the first-ever Ontario Hockey League game to be played in Plymouth Township, leading the Whalers to a 2-0 victory over the Kingston Frontenacs.

It was the second OHL career shutout — and second in three games — for Esche, who turned back 24 shots before a crowd of 3,877.

The Whalers took their share of hits from the physical Frontenacs, but stuck to their defensive game plan of waiting for offensive opportunities to arise.

That chance came midway through the first period when the Whalers went on the power play. After a shot on net by defenseman Kevin Holdridge, forward Chad Cavanagh retrieved the loose puck in front of the Frontenacs' net and went high, stick side to beat goalie John Hultberg at 8:54 of the first period.

It was the only scoring until left wing Andrew Taylor skated into the Kingston end uncontested for an empty net goal at 19:15 of the third period.

"What we tried to do was play a good, solid defensive game. Robert Esche was very solid in net, and we capitalized on the chance that we got on the power

play," said Whalers Head Coach and General Manager Peter DeBoer.

But the low-scoring game didn't lack excitement. Kingston's tight checking game plan, intended to rattle the less experienced Whalers, produced two fights and spectacular hits, especially in the first period. "We knew it was going to be a close to the vest game because both team play a similar style; we're both pretty defensive-orientated teams with bigger players who like to play a physical game," said DeBoer. "You know, I think the physical nature that they took it to us a little bit in the hitting was more a maturity thing than an effort thing. They're a little bit older and they figured they could get on a younger team by taking it to them physically, and our guys held up real well and we managed to get a win."

No doubt due in part to Esche, the game's number one star and a sixth-round draft pick of the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes, formerly the Winnipeg Jets. "We knew he was a really good goalie. Obviously I'd be kidding myself if I thought, if I was going to predict he was going to have two shutouts and play as well as he has," said DeBoer. "We knew he had the ability, and then he went to the NHL camp with Phoenix; coming back he's riding a very big confidence high right now. He's returned with the mission he's going to put in a great season and earn an NHL contract. He's done that so

far."

But Esche credited his teammates for not allowing Kingston many quality shots on goal. "Our team played awesome tonight. I mean, when your team plays great, it makes the other team look really bad. And that's exactly what our team did today," he said.

If the difference in play was that great, the scoreboard didn't show it. After an adrenalin-packed opening period that included 22 shots on net and seven penalties, the Whalers clung to 1-0 lead as the pace slowed dramatically the last two-thirds of the game. The result of opening night anticipation, DeBoer said. "Our guys, for a 7:30 game, will get to the rink at six. We had some kids here at three this afternoon. I had to peel them off the ceiling they were so high before the game, and I think that attributed to our dwindling energy levels in the second and third. I think these kids, when you get yourself up so emotionally for a game, it takes a lot out of you before the game even starts. And I think when the second period hit, our tanks started to run low because of it. But we battled through it and ended up getting a win, and that's all that matters."

With the win, Detroit improved to 3-3 in the West Division, and Kingston fell to 2-5 in the East Division. The game's ceremonial face off featured Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy.

## Canton, Salem fit to be tied

*Boys soccer teams play to 2-2 deadlock*

BY MATT HUCAL

Taking a glimpse at the past games the Salem and Canton boys soccer teams have played against each other, it hardly came as surprise that they tied, 2-2, on Monday at the PCEP soccer field.

Fans were out in full force and packed the bleachers to witness the usual tight, physical clash this rivalry provides year in and year out. They bared the cold weather through just over the midpoint of the first half before the game's first goal was scored.

Salem's Brett Konley settled a loose ball about 25 yards out from the goal and shot it over the head of the Chiefs goalkeeper. The ball hit the crossbar and went straight down, just making it into the net and giving the Rocks that important first goal of the game.

Both teams failed to capitalize on many opportunities as the game went into halftime.

The second half was barely five minutes old before Konley struck again. Off a cross pass from teammate Josh Fair, Konley headed the ball, placing it over the Chiefs goalkeeper again, and

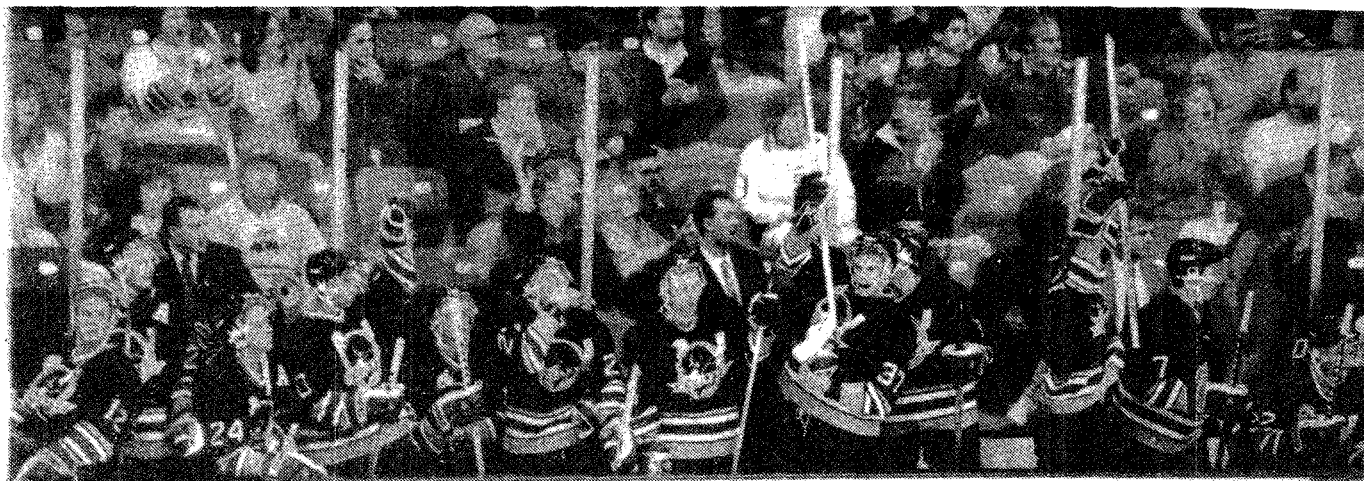
into the corner of the net.

With a 2-0 lead, the Rocks continued to press Canton for the next 20 minutes. But with 13 minutes left, the Chiefs came out of their defensive shell when Kevin Gniewik received the ball at midfield. He fed the ball to the right wing to Nick Wright who took the ball to the net and scored, cutting the Rocks' lead in half.

The tying goal came shortly after, and involved Gniewik once again. He received the ball on the right wing and took it in for the goal this time, nearly duplicating the Chiefs' previous goal. That ended the scoring for the evening and marked one of many ties that soccer fans have endured over the year in Salem and Canton matches.

"It was a typical game between Canton and Salem," said Canton coach Don Smith. "We've come back in a few games this year, but we've also let others come back. It's good we did it this time."

The tie moves Canton's record to 9-2-4. The Chiefs conference final is next Wednesday against Stevenson, who defeated Canton, 3-2, earlier this season. Salem is 10-3-2.



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The Whalers had reason to celebrate last weekend. In the home opener, goalie Robert Esche shutout Kingston for the 2-0 win. The next night, Detroit beat the Barrie Colts, 5-2, for their fourth win in five games. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

# Whalers undefeated at home

## Troy Smith gets three assists in 5-2 win over Barrie; next home game Saturday versus London

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Detroit Whalers made it a perfect opening weekend at Compuware Sports Arena by defeating the Barrie Colts, 5-2, Saturday to win their second game in as many nights.

The only contrast in comparison to the previous night's defensive struggle was the score; the Whalers remained stingy in their own zone, and let their special teams do the rest of the work — scoring two power play goals, as the Colts went 0-5 with the man advantage.

Defenseman Troy Smith assisted three goals, including the game winner by forward Steve Dumonski at 18:04 of the second period. Defenseman Jan Vondrazka and forwards Jesse Boulerice, Steve Dumonski and Mark Cadotte also scored for the Whalers, who have won four out of their last five games.

Goalie Robert Esche, coming off Saturday night's shutout, stopped 22 of 24 shots.

Esche's most memorable saves came during the first period with the Whalers holding a 1-0 lead and Vondrazka serving a four minute penalty for checking from behind.

He robbed Barrie's Daniel Tkaczuk, who took a cross-ice pass from teammate Chris George and turned to fire a high, glove side wrist shot in close that Esche plucked out of the air. Then, the busy Detroit goaltender turned away four consecutive slap shots from pointman Jason Cannon during Barrie's most impressive streak of puck control.

It was one of only a few times Detroit let the Colts' unleash their firepower. But Esche wasn't the only one stopping Barrie. Smith helped keep Russian superstar Alexandre Volchkov pointless. "(Smith) played his own end all night. He played the whole night against their top players and as a result he ended up get-

ting some points along with it as bonus," said Whalers Head Coach and General Manager Peter DeBoer.

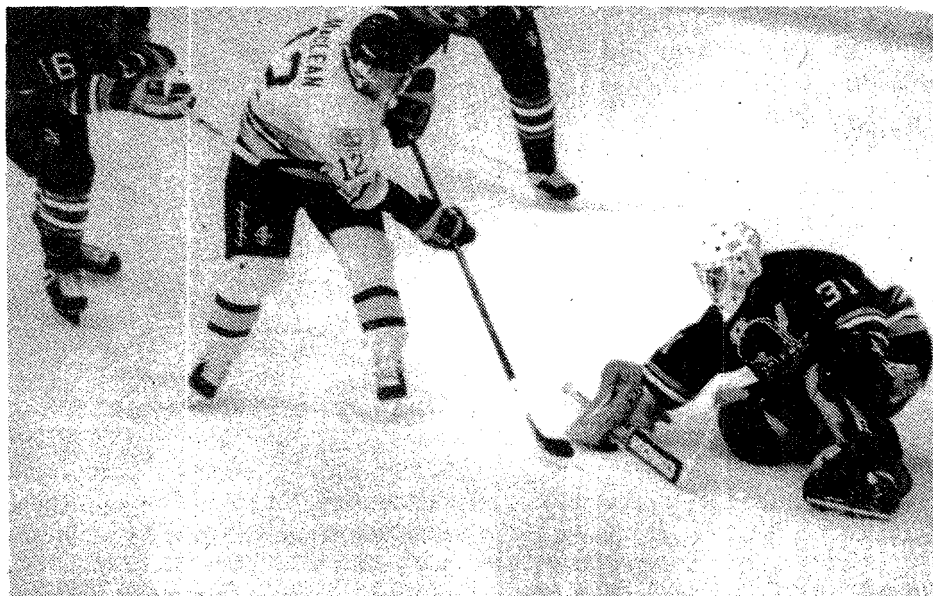
Following Vondrazka's first period score, Smith and left wing Harold Druken assisted on Wasylo's goal, which put Detroit up 2-0 in the second period. An unassisted goal by Tkaczuk at 11:38 of the same period moved the Colts within in one. But Dumonski scored the game winner on assists from Smith and forward Mike Morrone with less than two minutes left in the second period when he beat Colts goaltender Chris Thompson. It was Thompson's last action of the game; Colts coach Bert Templeton replaced him with Phil Bergeron.

The Whalers went up 4-1 late in third period on Boulerice's tally, before the

Colts scored to trail again by two. An empty net, power play goal by Cadotte closed the scoring at 19:13 of the third period. "We're very pleased," said DeBoer of the victory. "I'll tell you what: We're not a team that's real pretty to watch. We don't play a wide open game. It's a real defensive philosophy. We wait for our opportunities to score and we try to capitalize on them. Robert Esche helped us again with some great saves, and when we got a chance to score we buried a couple. And once we've got a lead, we're a pretty tough team to beat."

*Detroit lost their other game last week, 3-1 in Sarnia. Their record is 4-3.*

*The Whalers play at Kitchner Friday and at Compuware Sports Arena Saturday at 7:30 p.m. versus London.*



Detroit Whalers goalie Robert Esche was stellar in goal in two games during opening weekend at Compuware Sports Arena. On Saturday, he shutout the Kingston Frontenacs, 2-0, and was named the game's number one star. The next night versus the Barrie Colts, Esche — a draft pick of the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes — turned away 22 of 24 shots. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

## On deck

### SALEM BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

At home versus Stevenson Thursday at 4 p.m. At home versus Walled Lake Central Tuesday at 4 p.m.

### SALEM BASKETBALL

At home versus John Glenn Thursday at 7 p.m. At home versus Churchill Tuesday at 7 p.m.

### SALEM GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

At home versus Stevenson Thursday at 4 p.m. At Gabriel Richard Invitational Saturday.

### SALEM TENNIS

At Regionals Friday and Saturday.

### SALEM FOOTBALL

At home versus Stevenson Friday at 7:30 p.m.

### SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

At home versus Stevenson Thursday at 7 p.m. At MISCA Meet Saturday.

### SALEM GOLF

At Regional meet Friday and Saturday.

### SALEM SOCCER

At Walled Lake Central today at 7 p.m.

### CANTON SOCCER

At home versus Walled Lake Western today at 7 p.m.

### CANTON BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

At Churchill Thursday at 4 p.m.

### CANTON TENNIS

At Regional meet Friday and Saturday.

### CANTON BOYS GOLF

At Regional meet Friday and Saturday.

### CANTON BASKETBALL

At Northville Thursday at 7 p.m. At N. Farmington Tuesday at 7 p.m.

### CANTON FOOTBALL

At Churchill Friday at 7:30 p.m.

### CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING

At Churchill Thursday at 7 p.m.

### CANTON GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

At Churchill Thursday at 4 p.m. At Gabriel Richard Invitational Saturday.



# Community opinions



Many local service groups perform incredible acts of generosity with little thanks or fanfare. The VFW is just one of many. Members of the Mayflower LT Gamble Post 6695 VFW help around the community. (top row, left to right) Sr. Vice Commander Bill Donohue, Jr. Vice Commander Calvin Mason, Surgen Norm Tacoma, Post Advocate Charles Minthorn (bottom row, left to right) National Home Rep. Duane Johnson, Post Commander Bill Fletcher, Post Historian Carl Adler and Chaplin Albert Stanwood.

## Service groups make difference

A little bit of generosity goes a long way. Just ask the senior citizens at Tonquish Manor.

At the September meeting of the Mayflower LT Gamble Post 6695 VFW, the group donated \$200 to the Tonquish Manor for bingo prizes and \$100 for the Seniors' Summer Fest.

To some, \$300 is a small amount of money, but to the seniors at Tonquish Manor, the donation means a lot.

Many times donations just like these are overlooked by the public and media. That's a shame.

It's kind acts like these that make The Plymouth-Canton Community special.

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## Old Village or Lowertown?

With the opening of the Lowertown Grill, it's time to decide what to call the quaint, older part of town on the northeast border of Plymouth. You decide. Should it be called "Lowertown" or "Old Village." Send in the ballot along with an explanation of what led to your decision. The ballots will be tallied and The Crier editorial staff will use the arguments to decide what the official newspaper title will be for this historic section of Plymouth.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

**Community Editorials**

## Accident teaches valuable lessons to P-C Community

The story could have read like this:

*Seven school children and a Plymouth Township policeman were killed in a tragic crash last Thursday.*

**With malice toward none**



*The policeman was responding to an armed robbery at a Township restaurant in which two young employees were fatally shot by the holdup man.*

Fortunately, the two related incidents that occurred on Thursday morning, Sept. 26, both turned out differently.

The armed robbery at Burger King ended with an arrest of a man, police say, who was a crack cocaine addict with a long record of crime. No one was injured and a young employee at the restaurant displayed heroism in tracking the robber after he ran outside.

The crash between the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools bus and the Plymouth Township Police car on Mill Street by East Middle School was sensational — but without injury. Sgt. Bob Smith was merely badly-shaken although the police car he was speeding to the robbery with was totaled. Rosemary Chapman, driver of the empty bus, was also shaken.

A huge hug from Lady Luck came to Plymouth-Canton that morning.

Or, as Smith said, "God looks after fools like us."

Instead of the two connected incidents becoming the most newsworthy story here since the Great Salem Train Wreck, the day becomes a valuable lesson to The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Several points were learned that day:

- Don't speed in police cars that aren't equipped with lights or sirens. (No ticket will likely be issued by City of Plymouth Police though).
- Look carefully before turning left.
- Crack cocaine affects us even here.
- "That doesn't happen here" is a phrase that can't be used in The Plymouth-Canton Community when it comes to violent crime. "We've had seven holdups this year so far and the Christmas season isn't even here yet," bemoans Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry.
- All businesses here need to warn and train employees about crime.
- Each of the local police and fire agencies should review their policies on "Emergency Vehicle Operation." (Plymouth Township had already begun that review, Berry said).
- School bus drivers need to think about what would have happened if there had been children on that bus.

Just as the police are studying the incidents in the "worse case scenario" light, the community needs to think of them that way too.

Thankfully, these lessons aren't painful.

## Police, fire deserve our thanks

EDITOR:

Our family would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the fire fighters of Station No. 3 — Beck Road for hosting an open house Saturday.

As National Fire Safety Week begins, it provided a wonderful learning experience for adults and children alike to view the equipment up close and talk to the many fire

fighters protecting our community. These individuals, and the information they provided, may very well save our lives one day, and for that, we cannot thank them enough.

We congratulate and applaud all of them on their efforts. May God bless and grant his protection to them and their families.

LINDA AND JIM DEMMER  
AND CHILDREN

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

ROB KIRKBRIDE, EDITOR, THE COMMUNITY CRIER, 821 PENNIMAN AVE., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170



# Community opinions

## Accident leaves unanswered questions

### EDITOR:

This letter is being written in response to the article about the Plymouth Township Police car striking a school bus. I find it befitting that the article states that the police car "struck" the school bus and not that the bus "turned" into the police car's path.

This article left me and I'm sure many other of your readers with some unanswered questions.

The article stated that the police car operated by Sgt. Robert Smith wasn't equipped with lights or sirens. What the article doesn't tell you is whether the police car was being operated in compliance with the laws of the State of Michigan or in accordance with the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the Plymouth Township Police Department.

Not having a copy of the Plymouth Township Police Department's Policies and Procedures in front of me, I turn to the state law for guidance, knowing that the Township would not adopt policies and procedures that conflict with the laws of the State of Michigan.

The law in this State of Michigan grants police officers certain "privileges" to operate police vehicles in certain manners in certain conditions. An example of this would be the right to exceed the speed limit and going through traffic signals en route to a serious injury accident. However, in order to qualify for these privileges, there is a condition that must be met first. That condition is that an officer must sound an audible signal and have a flashing, oscillating or rotating light activated, unless the safety of the officer or others would be endangered.

What I would like to see answered are the following questions:

1. How could a police car claim "privilege" when it lacks the equipment required to gain that "privilege."

2. Even if this police car attempted to claim the "safety of the officer or others" exemption of not needing to have flashing lights and sirens, how could it when the article

stated that Smith was following another Plymouth Township Police car, which had its lights and sirens activated as required?

3. Why was an officer operating a police vehicle without the required safety equipment? Is this Township policy? Was this officer in error to use this car? Could these two officers have driven together since it appears they may have just left the Plymouth Township Police Department, judging by the location of the accident?

4. What police agency did the traffic accident investigation? Why wasn't a citation issued? Clearly, someone did something wrong here. The Plymouth Township Police Department has a long-standing tradition of issuing traffic citations to the driver(s) involved in traffic accidents and found to be at fault — why not here? If the Plymouth Township Police Department didn't complete this investigation, is the agency that completed the investigation far enough removed from this community to ensure an unbiased conclusion, such as from the Michigan State Police?

5. Is there an internal investigation being completed by the Plymouth Township Police Department into this incident, or is this incident closed? Is Smith being placed through the same internal investigation process that any other officer at the Plymouth Township Police Department would be going through after striking a school bus?

In conclusion, I'm thankful, as I'm sure the parents of the children who could have been on that bus are, that no one was hurt. However, I would hope that the Plymouth Township Police Department will do the right thing in this incident. I hope that all the above questions will be answered to the satisfaction of all the citizens that the Plymouth Township Police Department serves and that in doing so, this type of accident will not occur again.

ERIK M. MAYERNIK

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Erik Mayernik is a former Plymouth Township Police officer.*

## Shocking revelations found on Gettysburg battlefield

Dear P-C Community:

I have just had a wonderful experience. I went with the Plymouth Historical Museum on a four-day trip to Gettysburg. As you know, I have traveled very little in my life and never on my own, so it was with some trepidation that I decided to go — sort of a "character development" project as it were. On top of that I am an "emotional yo yo," and I question whether I could have done anything that would have been harder.



The Plymouth Historical Society group that visited Civil War battlefields.

## Remembering

By Geneva Guenther



For one thing, war is not my thing, though I have been known to raise plenty of ruckus' myself. I discovered very soon into the sight-seeing that my relationship to Gettysburg was not historical, but rather through the eyes of artists whose works encompassed maybe three or four figures. It was a terrific shock to me that this war went on for three years and that it was for real not a movie. Living, breathing men and boys were wounded or lost their lives, over 50,000, as a matter of fact.

Not movie extras, but people from all walks and all ages — some 12 years old supplied their own food, many times their own clothing and

sometimes their own weapon and depended on their comrades for care of the wounded and even burial.

People in the area sat on their porches in their rocking chairs and chatted about the battle (shades of the Roman Empire and their persecution of the Christians in their arenas).

Think of the number of wars we have had since Gettysburg. If I was God I would push the "stop" button and start over again. As you can see, the trip was special and never have I met a group of more wonderful people. I'm afraid though that the subject matter really got to me — mostly because of my ignorance. However, I'm raring to go again!

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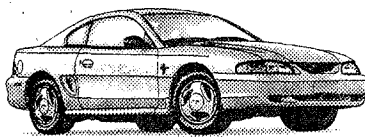
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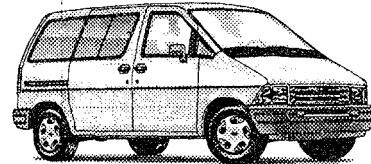
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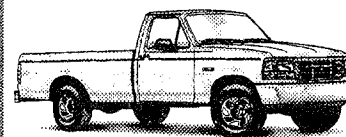
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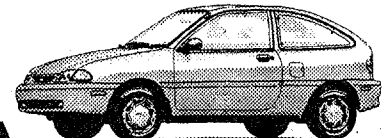
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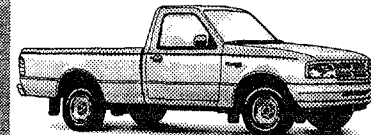
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